THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air India Staff College—the training arm of the Commercial Department of Air India is from time to time conducting various programmes to keep frontline personnel customer oriented. Recently, the College conceptualized and developed a Corporate Training Programme titled "Making a Difference to Make Air India Different". The thrust of this programme was self motivation and to make every employees recognize his/her role as a change agent and make a Personal Quality Commitment.

Losses suffered by Sonegaon Airport

2899. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sonegaon airport at Nagpur had incurred Rs. 15 crore loss and that AAI was running the airport only because it is a socially useful facility;

(b) if so, the details of revenue and expenditure of Nagpur airport during April-September 2005 and from April 2004 to March 2005; and

(c) what measures are being taken to make Sonegaon airport a profit-making and what is the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Sonegaon airport at Nagpur incurred a loss of Rs. 15.24 crores during 2003-04. The decision to operate an airport is based on several demand side, supply side and other consideration.

(b) The revenue and expenditure of Nagpur airport during the first April-September 2005 was Rs. 326.62 lakhs and Rs. 1328.91 lakhs and from April 2004 to March 2005 it was Rs. 781.65 lakhs and Rs. 3700.37 lakhs respectively.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase the revenue, particularly the non-traffic revenue and also to reduce the controllable expenditure, wherever possible, to reduce the loss. No definite time frame can be prescribed in this connection.